

BILL NO. 14 of 1977

ORDINANCE NO. 13 of 1977

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY OFFICIAL TRAFFIC SIGNS; REGULATING, REQUIRING AND PROHIBITING PARKING, STOPPING, AND OPERATION OF VEHICLES UPON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Franklin, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

SECTION ONE: Title: This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as "The Traffic Ordinance".

SECTION TWO: Definitions: The following words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall, for the purposes of this Ordinance, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. Council: The Council of the City of Franklin.
- b. City: The City of Franklin.
- c. Crosswalk:
  - (1) That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway, measured from the curbs, or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; and, in the absence of a sidewalk on one side of a roadway, that part of a roadway included within the extension of the lateral lines of the existing sidewalk.
  - (2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

d. Driver: A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

d.1. Driveway: A way or place extending from a roadway onto or towards an abutting lot used for vehicular travel and pedestrian traffic by the owner of the abutting lot and those having express or implied permission from the owner, and not by other persons. (Ord. 1 of 1983, Sect. 1, Passed 1-3-83)

e. Highway: The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. The term includes a roadway open to the use of the public for vehicular travel on grounds of a public or private school or public or historical park.

f. Intersection: The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

g. Official traffic-control devices: Signs, signals, markings and devices not inconsistent with this title placed or erected by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic.

h. Operator: A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle.

i. Owner: A person, other than a lien holder, having the property right in or title to a vehicle. The term includes a person entitled to the use and possession of a vehicle subject to a security interest in another person, but excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security.

i.1. Parking area-commercial: An area for public vehicular parking between an abutting lot line and the nearer curb or lateral line of the roadway in a C-1 Commercial District or an Industrial District as defined and provided in the Zoning Code of the City of Franklin, (Article 1301 through Article 1335 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Pennsylvania, 1977); provided, however, that such area shall not include any sidewalks. (Ord. 1 of 1983, Sect. 1, Passed 1-3-83)

j. Park or Parking:

(1) When permitted, means the temporary storing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, off the roadway.

(2) When prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.

k. Pedestrian: A natural person afoot.

l. Person: A natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

m. Police Officer: A natural person authorized by law to make arrests for violations of law.

n. Private road or driveway: A way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other persons.

o. Railroad grade crossing: One or more railroad tracks, but not streetcar tracks, which intersect or cross a highway at the same level or grade.

p. Roadway: That portion of a highway, improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the sidewalk, berm, or shoulder even though such sidewalk, berm, or shoulder is used for pedalcycles. In the event a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term "roadway" refers to each roadway separately but not all such roadways collectively.

q. Shall: Indicates that an action is required or prohibited.

r. Should: Indicates that an action is advisable but not required.

s. Sidewalk: That portion of a street between curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

t. Stand or Standing: When prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle whether occupied or not, except momentarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

u. Stop or Stopping:

(1) When required, means complete cessation from movement.

- (2) When prohibited, means any halting even momentarily of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic-control sign or signal.

v. Traffic: Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars and other conveyances, whether singly or together, using any highway for purposes of travel.

w. Traffic control signal: A device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed.

x. Trailer: A vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle.

y. Truck: A motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

z. Vehicle: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon rails or tracks.

SECTION THREE: The proper officers of the City shall erect and cause to be maintained official signs regulating, requiring and prohibiting parking, stopping, loading and unloading vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION FOUR: PARKING/NO PARKING

Paragraph One: The term "No Parking", when used in this Ordinance, shall mean that no person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, either attended or unattended, between the hours specifically ordered in the appropriate sections of this Ordinance.

Paragraph Two: No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, either attended or unattended, for more than 24 hours at any one time upon the passageway of any street in the City. (REPEALED by Ordinance 2 of 2014, June 2, 2014)

Paragraph Three: No owner, operator, or other person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand, either attended or unattended, in any of the following places, on, or in the vicinity of, a highway:

- a. Within an intersection.

- b. On a crosswalk or within twenty (20) feet of any crosswalk. (Ord. 2 of 1995, Sect. 1, Passed 2-6-95)
- c. Within twenty-five (25) feet of the intersection of curb lines, or, if none, then within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of property lines, at an intersection of highways.
- d. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
- e. In front of a private driveway.
- f. On a sidewalk.
- g. Alongside a street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same, unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than twenty (20) feet upon the main traveled portion of said street or highway shall be left free for passage of other vehicles thereon.
- h. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway.
- i. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting standing and/or parking.
- j. In a position other than parallel with the edge of the highway, headed in the direction of traffic, and with the curb side of the vehicle within six (6) inches of the edge of the highway or curb, except where angle parking is directed and permitted.
- k. In a position other than with the front of the vehicle toward the curb of a highway when angle parking is directed and permitted, except a tractor vehicle while being loaded or unloaded.
- l. In the part of the public street right-of-way or highway or alley not occupied by the roadway except in a driveway or parking area-commercial. (Ord. 1 of 1983, Sect. 2, Passed 1-3-83)

Paragraph Four: This Ordinance may restrict parking for vehicles or combinations of vehicles which exceed or exceeds twenty (20) feet in length overall under the appropriate street listing.

## SECTION FIVE: ONE-WAY STREETS

Paragraph One: When the term "One-Way" is employed in this Ordinance, it shall mean that no person shall operate a vehicle along the passageway of said street except in the direction ordered in the appropriate sections of this Ordinance.

## SECTION SIX: STOP SIGNS

Paragraph One: It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle, when an official "Stop Sign" has or have been erected in accordance with the provisions of "The Vehicle Code" and/or the provisions of this Ordinance, to fail to come to a complete stop within a reasonable distance of the intersections indicated in the appropriate sections of this Ordinance.

## SECTION SEVEN: SPEED LIMITATIONS

Paragraph One: It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle, when a sign has been, or signs have been erected in accordance with the provisions of "The Vehicle Code" and/or the provisions of this Ordinance, to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of speeds ordered in the appropriate sections of this Ordinance.

## SECTION EIGHT: SPECIFICATIONS FOR STREETS

No vehicle, or combination of vehicles, having a gross weight in excess of 20,000 pounds shall be operated on any City street or any part thereof which is not a designated State and/or Federal Highway Route except for vehicles, or combinations thereof, which are:

- (a) Owned or operated by the City of Franklin;
- (b) Owned or operated by public utility companies, including gas, electric, telephone, and/or television cable company;
- (c) Owned or operated by a public utility commission licensed moving company;
- (d) Making a local delivery to, or pickup from, premises which are not located on a street which is also a State and/or Federal Highway Route, or where the loading or unloading facilities of the premises can be reached only by travel over other City streets or a street; and
- (e) Fire, police, and/or ambulance or other emergency vehicles.

This prohibition shall apply to all the City streets, except streets that are State and/or Federal highways, and except those listed in the following paragraphs:

1. Fifteenth Street southerly from its intersection with Liberty Street;
2. Liberty Street from its intersection with Fifteenth Street to its intersection with Third Street;
3. Third Street west from Liberty Street to Belmar Road;
4. Eighth Street from its intersection with Liberty Street east to the City limits;
5. Thirteenth Street north from its intersection with Liberty Street to Coefield's Corners;
6. Grant Street west from Thirteenth Street to the City limits;
7. Atlantic Avenue west from Thirteenth Street to its intersection with Grant Street.

In addition to the weight restrictions set forth above, no vehicle, or combination of vehicles, having a gross weight in excess of 30,000 pounds (15 tons) shall be operated on or across the Wiley Avenue bridge in Miller Park. (Ord. No. 2 of 2013, Passed Finally 03-04-2013)